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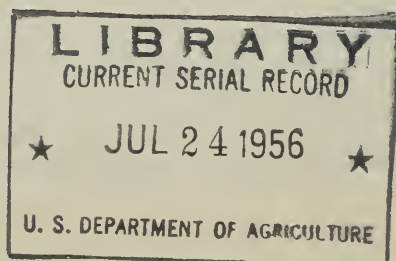
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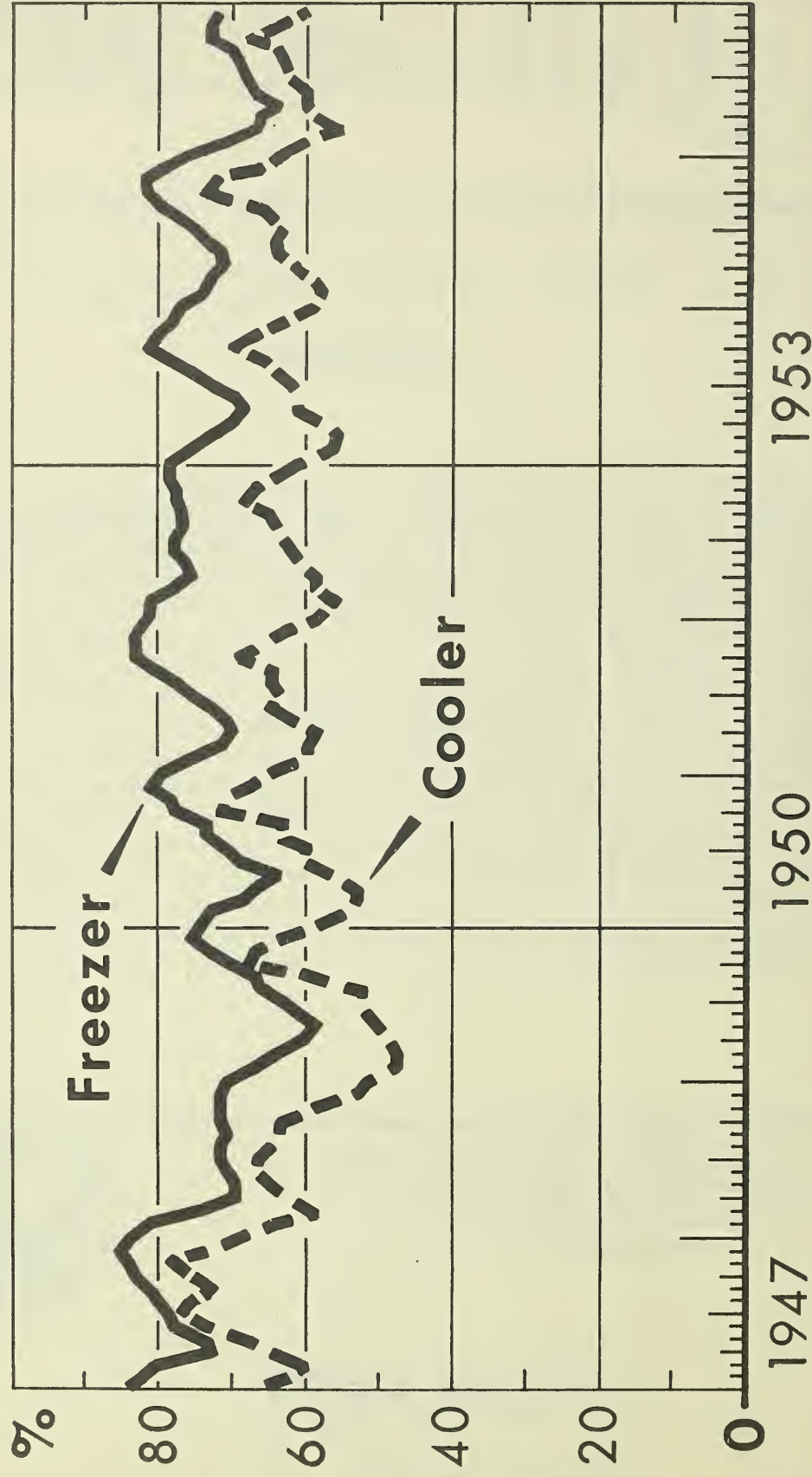
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PERCENTAGE OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES



END OF MONTH OCCUPANCY

COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space December 31, 1955

[Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All December 31 figures are preliminary.]

Commodity summary

Refrigerated stocks of frozen pork at 311 million pounds were the fourth largest on record for December 31, according to warehouse reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. Yet, stocks were below those of December a year ago by 4 million pounds but were 17 million pounds above the December 31, 1950-54 average. Total holdings of creamery butter were down to 165 million pounds. These stocks were 56 percent below the December 1954 holdings and 5 percent below average. American cheese holdings, too, declined during December. By the end of the month, warehouse holdings totaled 479 million pounds, compared with 519 million a year earlier and the average of 301 million pounds. The reduction of frozen fruit stocks during December was greater than average. Yet, holdings at the end of the month, 417 million pounds, were 10 percent above December a year earlier and 23 percent above average. Frozen vegetable stocks were down 41 million pounds from the month before to total 622 million pounds. On December 31, 1954, holdings totalled 649 million pounds while the December 31, 5-year average is 562 million pounds. Orange juice holdings were increased by one million gallons during December to total almost 16 million by the end of the month. Current holdings were 14 percent above the stocks of December 1954 and 51 percent above average. Frozen poultry stocks declined seasonally to 229 million pounds. These holdings for December 31 were about 19 percent under average. Shell eggs totalled 113,000 cases on December 31, down 220,000 cases from the month before. When compared with a year earlier, current frozen egg stocks, at 75 million pounds, were about the same but they were about one-third greater than average for this time of year. Warehouse stocks of red meats, at 782 million pounds, were 18 million pounds under December 31 a year ago and 42 million pounds under average.

Storage occupancy

Occupancy of public cooler space on December 31, 1955, was down from a month earlier in all areas except West South Central where occupancy remained the same. Cooler occupancy dropped 5 points during December to 60 percent which compares with 67 percent a year earlier and the December 31, 1950-54 average of 65 percent. Utilization of freezer space was down only slightly from the previous month. A decline of 1 point was reported which brought the level to 72 percent--6 points under the December 31, 1954 occupancy and 8 points under average for this date.

General commodity movement

The product weight in cooler storage on December 31 totalled 2.8 billion pounds, down 16 percent from the month before. During the month, stocks of all cooler-stored items were reduced seasonally with the exception of dried and evaporated fruits, nuts and nutmeats, and selected meat items. Stocks in freezer storage were up slightly--2 percent--from the previous month and by December 31 totalled 2.7 billion pounds. Stock increases for meats and juices were more than enough to offset the seasonal reductions in holdings of dairy products, eggs, poultry, fruits, and vegetables to account for the net increase of 49 million pounds during December.

Fruits, juices, and vegetables

December 31 stocks of fresh apples totalled 28 million bushels--down 7 million from the month before. Holdings of pears declined 983,000 bushels to approximately 1.8 million by the end of December. The December seasonal reduction in frozen fruit stocks, 27 million pounds, was 17 percent above average and 28 percent greater than the net disappearance a year earlier. Frozen fruits in storage on December 31 totalled 417 million pounds, compared with 378 million in 1954 and the 5-year December average of 337 million pounds. With the exception of frozen apples, which were increased by 10 million pounds during December, holdings of all fruit items were reduced during the month, particularly strawberries and other berries. Warehouse stocks of orange concentrate were up to almost 16 million gallons by December 31--a gain of one million from the previous month. This time last year, less than 14 million gallons were in storage while the 5-year average for December is 11 million gallons. Stock increases reported during December for frozen broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and cauliflower could not offset the seasonal reductions in stocks of the remaining frozen vegetable items. As a result, frozen vegetable holdings by the end of the month were down 41 million pounds from the month before to total 622 million pounds. Total holdings were 4 percent under those of December 1954 but 11 percent above average for this time of year.

Dairy and poultry products

Stocks of butter were reduced by 37 million pounds during December leaving 165 million in storage by the end of the month. A year earlier, 379 million pounds were in storage while the average for this date is 173 million pounds. American cheese stocks, down to 479 million pounds by December 31, were 8 percent under those of December a year earlier but were still above average by 59 percent. Shell egg stocks declined seasonally by more than usual amounts. The December reduction of 220,000 cases compares with an average December decline of 107,000 cases and 132,000 in 1954. Stocks on hand, 113,000 cases were 7 percent below average and 41 percent under the stocks of December 1954. Frozen eggs in storage were down to 75 million pounds. This quantity was about the same as the stocks reported December 31, 1954 but were greater than average by 33 percent. December 31 stocks of poultry were down to 229 million pounds--the smallest for this date since 1948. During December, poultry net withdrawals totalled 30 million pounds which compare with 22 million a year earlier and the average of 9 million pounds.

Meat and meat products

Refrigerated stocks of red meats increased seasonally to 782 million pounds. The December increase of 181 million pounds of red meat stocks was 12 percent greater than the increase in 1954 but was 6 percent below average for this time of year. An above average gain in beef stocks raised warehouse holdings to 209 million pounds or 11 percent above the holdings of December 1954 but 2 percent under average for this time of year. Pork stocks increased seasonally to 422 million pounds. This quantity compares with 449 million in December 1954 and the December 5-year average of 463 million pounds.

Storage outlook

Cooler occupancy may be expected to continue on its downward cycle during January. By the end of the month, occupancy may be as much as 3 points under the level reported December 31, 1955. According to historical performance, a drop of 1 to 2 points in freezer occupancy may be expected during January.

TABLE 1.-- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	Net piling space reported (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
	December 1955		December 1950-54 av.		December 1954		November 1955		December 1955 (2)	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt. . . .	434	1,486	48	69	27	60	49	41	42	50
Massachusetts	2,519	5,907	46	88	47	92	52	91	48	90
R. I. and Connecticut . .	278	801	68	75	57	74	94	67	91	62
New England	3,231	8,194	48	84	44	85	56	80	51	80
New York	21,188	19,105	72	80	75	79	70	75	66	74
New Jersey	3,946	9,636	67	85	69	83	66	82	63	74
Pennsylvania	4,809	8,814	63	82	75	84	72	75	61	77
Middle Atlantic	29,943	37,555	69	82	74	81	71	78	64	74
Ohio	3,059	5,301	60	88	62	90	60	85	54	87
Indiana	708	2,060	69	86	81	86	72	71	61	73
Illinois	14,329	14,682	63	85	71	93	63	79	58	82
Michigan	3,789	3,911	72	88	71	85	73	79	62	74
Wisconsin	5,061	1,526	73	80	67	68	78	71	75	76
East North Central . . .	26,946	27,480	65	86	69	89	67	79	62	81
Minnesota	1,333	5,073	66	84	62	89	70	73	69	75
Iowa	391	2,420	69	86	68	83	48	67	50	77
Missouri	4,602	7,407	68	79	69	85	71	65	65	74
Dakotas and Nebraska . .	716	4,399	59	90	74	87	56	69	43	69
Kansas	6,871	5,597	67	80	82	82	91	74	75	73
West North Central . . .	13,913	24,896	68	83	75	86	80	70	69	73
Delaware, Maryland & D.C.	1,266	5,234	54	84	65	84	51	61	45	60
Virginia and West Va. . .	5,460	3,071	64	77	69	77	45	68	40	67
North and South Carolina .	357	439	64	91	44	95	48	73	27	52
Georgia	3,490	2,204	71	87	82	88	79	87	83	88
Florida	1,151	6,172	60	54	51	35	47	41	50	38
South Atlantic	11,724	17,120	65	74	70	64	56	58	54	57
Kentucky	2/	2/	66	81	85	81	72	71	2/	2/
Tennessee	1,713	3,248	77	83	84	84	76	84	76	83
Alabama and Mississippi .	742	840	82	91	88	87	79	68	77	68
East South Central . . .	2,455	4,088	78	85	85	84	76	79	73	78
Arkansas	2/	2/	46	64	51	80	58	87	2/	2/
Louisiana	926	1,254	75	86	71	89	59	71	56	74
Oklahoma	627	1,252	62	80	38	85	56	78	71	73
Texas	6,369	7,300	60	56	54	53	63	48	63	51
West South Central . . .	7,922	9,806	62	62	54	62	62	55	62	57
Mountain	1,325	4,642	58	79	67	81	63	83	58	80
Washington	2,052	7,867	53	64	39	58	41	58	39	52
Oregon	874	6,185	45	69	42	67	42	75	53	61
California	14,239	23,032	61	84	48	77	54	80	45	78
Pacific	17,165	37,084	58	77	46	71	52	74	45	70
United States (4) . . .	114,624	170,865	65	80	67	78	65	73	60	72

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held December 31, 1955.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 2. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			November 1954		December 1954		November 1955		December 1955	
	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.
New England :										
Boston	1,715	4,089	36	100	33	99	42	97	42	96
Middle Atlantic :										
New York	5,516	9,399	65	83	66	83	70	75	74	73
Buffalo	565	1,893	90	94	85	89	93	76	99	79
Rochester	6,707	2,355	82	68	73	66	66	67	54	64
Philadelphia	1,684	5,554	67	84	69	86	66	73	60	73
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	75	87	75	86	60	82	55	82
Jersey City	3,528	6,043	76	86	69	80	66	74	63	67
E. N. Central :										
Cleveland	2,077	2,631	91	98	65	96	56	81	50	85
Cincinnati	313	1,491	63	87	51	87	72	95	63	94
Chicago	11,150	13,852	74	91	68	93	62	79	59	83
Detroit	3,233	3,600	78	92	74	87	70	78	64	74
Milwaukee	669	905	89	97	75	65	90	83	84	96
W. N. Central :										
Minneapolis	870	2,557	60	92	63	90	68	78	70	74
St. Louis	1,920	3,588	63	82	62	88	71	71	61	84
Kansas City	1,594	5,314	67	80	63	83	67	77	62	79
South Atlantic :										
Baltimore & D.C.	1,242	5,087	64	87	65	84	48	60	45	60
Richmond	1,032	627	70	82	63	80	49	60	53	60
Norfolk	1,182	1,147	83	79	78	73	70	73	67	75
E. S. Central :										
Nashville	350	1,147	96	88	88	86	91	87	73	87
Memphis	615	1,407	61	71	67	80	68	84	66	83
W. S. Central :										
New Orleans	797	1,015	69	84	68	86	55	65	53	70
Dallas	3,704	4,295	50	47	50	46	59	44	57	45
Ft. Worth	980	1,124	41	56	49	53	68	45	71	49
Pacific :										
Seattle	1,094	2,239	52	79	49	73	53	71	49	66
Tacoma	353	1,984	12	65	12	47	7	50	8	52
Portland	399	3,598	52	78	48	68	44	75	40	61
Los Angeles	3,061	6,923	78	77	69	72	73	85	66	83
San Francisco	3,394	3,912	50	83	46	80	41	79	41	77
San Jose	2,877	3,264	62	80	32	71	51	78	33	78
Modesto	966	2,340	59	96	59	95	66	83	49	92

- (1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.
- (2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held December 31, 1955.
- (3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

Table 3.—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 ^{1/}

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,221	462	472	24	2/	2/	7	963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	(57	(2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C..	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia...	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina...	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	(540	(52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972			2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	100	103	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	219	714	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	(352	(1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936			831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

^{1/} Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

^{2/} Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

Table 4. -- Net changes in storage holdings during December (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings Dec. 31, 1955	December net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings Dec. 31, 1955	December net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	1,322,832	-350,160	21	Cream.....	8,121	-3,247	29
Pears.....	89,900	-49,150	35	Butter, creamery	165,185	-37,109	18
Other fresh fruits	112,207	-72,782	39	Eggs.....	75,204	-26,191	26
Fresh vegetables..	91,842	-1,713	2	Poultry.....	229,294	-30,393	12
Dried & evap. fts.	32,948	6,034	22	Fruits.....	416,673	-27,414	6
Nuts & nut meats..	151,618	26,954	22	Juices.....	258,025	12,632	5
Cheese.....	507,098	-23,996	5	Vegetables.....	621,721	-41,439	6
Other dairy prod..	43,398	-35,209	45	Beef.....	199,418	47,907	32
Shell eggs.....	5,085	-9,900	66	Veal.....	18,800	2,400	15
Dried eggs.....	3,714	-621	14	Pork.....	330,977	131,880	66
Beef.....	9,267	565	6	Lamb and mutton.	10,722	838	8
Pork.....	90,647	-16,970	16	Edible offal....	70,119	7,129	11
Sausage.....	8,346	-98	1	Sausage.....	7,048	2,034	41
Canned meats.....	36,958	5,692	18	Miscellaneous...	254,897	5,087	2
Miscellaneous.....	301,061	-14,579	5				
Total.....	2,806,921	-535,933	16	Total.....	2,666,204	44,114	2

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES

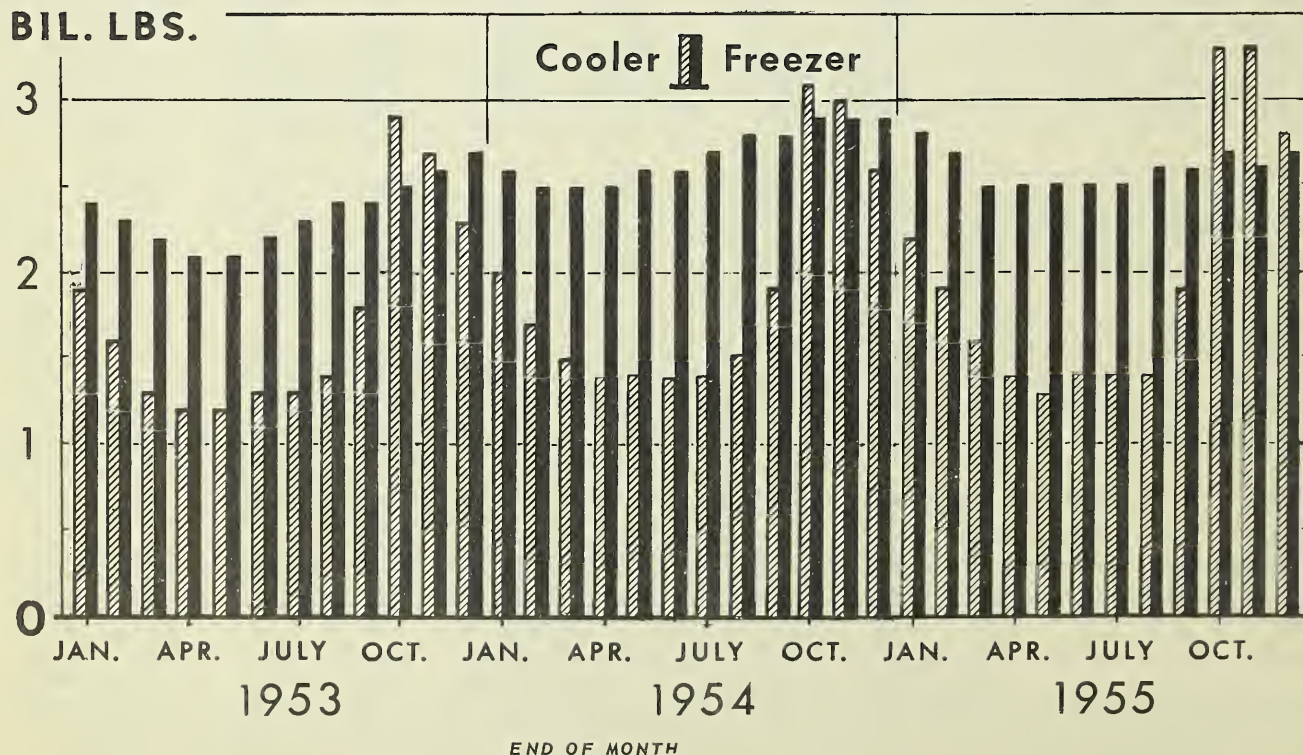


Table 5. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

State	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	December 1955
	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>
Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut	1,456	1,339	1,805
New York.....	4,460	5,473	5,651
New Jersey.....	516	490	507
Pennsylvania.....	832	905	711
Ohio.....	299	203	219
Illinois.....	507	363	215
Michigan.....	747	793	<u>1/</u> 1,429
Missouri.....	206	137	129
Kansas.....	58	64	159
Virginia.....	2,119	2,561	1,014
West Virginia.....	613	654	512
Washington.....	8,852	8,137	11,336
Oregon.....	678	931	498
California.....	1,941	2,128	1,978
Other States (2).....	830	700	1,396
U. S. Total.....	24,114	24,878	27,559

(1) Based upon more complete returns than in earlier years.

(2) Holdings for States having significant quantities of apples are given above. Other holdings shown under "Other States."

Table 6. -- End-of-month pear holdings, by States

State	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	December 1955
	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>
Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut	1	1	-
New York.....	7	5	9
New Jersey.....	17	16	6
Pennsylvania.....	3	1	2
Ohio.....	11	24	19
Illinois.....	2	4	1
Michigan.....	9	1	3
Missouri.....	3	2	2
Kansas.....	1	2	-
Virginia.....	2	2	1
West Virginia.....	-	-	-
Washington.....	392	542	497
Oregon.....	904	909	1,112
California.....	241	200	138
Other States (1).....	23	22	8
U. S. Total.....	1,616	1,731	1,798

(1) Holdings for States having significant quantities of pears are given above. Other holdings shown under "Other States."

TABLE 7. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during December and comparisons

Fresh apples: Decreased by 7 million bushels; December 1954 decrease was 6 million bushels; average December decrease was 6 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 983 thousand bushels; December 1954 decrease was 616 thousand bushels; average December decrease was 685 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard box	10,632	9,785	14,239	12,482
Western	Bushel (2)	1,428	1,887	2,932	1,882
Eastern	Bushel basket	4,133	4,082	4,138	2,885
Eastern	Bushel (2)	7,921	9,124	13,545	10,310
Total	Bushel	24,114	24,878	34,854	27,559
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Packed box	14	2	9	2
Bartletts	Loose box	5	1	17	1
Other varieties	Box	1,544	1,570	2,717	1,774
Other varieties	Bushel basket	53	158	38	21
Total	Bushel	1,616	1,731	2,781	1,798
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	(3)	58,322	173,957	102,708
Other fresh fruits . . .	do.	88,656	4,415	11,032	9,499
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	36,246	30,790	26,914	32,948
Onions	do.	61,600	51,559	53,202	56,543
Celery	do.	1,094	233	2,227	533
Other fresh vegetables .	do.	78,768	66,767	38,126	34,766
Nut meats, peanuts . . .	do.	25,945	31,138	51,919	61,123
Nut meats, other nuts . .	do.	18,209	15,774	17,416	19,876
Peanuts, in shell	do.	654	817	2,733	2,697
Other nuts, in shell . . .	do.	31,396	16,073	52,596	67,922

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Other containers in terms of bushel equivalents.

(3) Data not available.

TABLE 8. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
December 31, 1955

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts	531	41	1,934	1,421	2	1,363	6,938
Other States			516	249	1	383	2,222
New England			2,450	1,670	3	1,746	9,160
New York	3,563	412	21,231	80,663	9	6,992	23,325
New Jersey	372		9,229	10,078	4	2,962	8,548
Pennsylvania	600	90	2,923	10,050	2	3,936	16,160
Middle Atlantic			33,383	100,791	15	13,890	48,033
Ohio	249		7,226	17,722	3	3,024	6,822
Indiana			1,189	2,094		1,779	1,276
Illinois	399		64,934	36,619	50	12,153	28,309
Michigan	101		881	11,344		810	4,434
Wisconsin	11		3,001	141,242	9	774	1,608
East North Central			77,231	209,021	62	18,540	42,449
Minnesota	14		11,347	12,425		2,048	10,886
Iowa	5		12,926	1,403	1	3,484	4,978
Missouri	25	367	4,441	52,641	1	11,378	10,491
Dakotas			1,079	64		101	759
Nebraska	21		2,832	2,065		3,725	17,548
Kansas			1,085	18,523	1	6,265	2,536
West North Central			33,710	87,121	3	27,001	47,198
South Atlantic			6,713	27,848	4	3,207	21,361
Kentucky			1,020	8,938	1	1,083	1,141
Tennessee			1,425	15,619	3	1,440	1,654
Ala. and Mississippi			470	4,948	1	142	1,231
East South Central			2,915	29,505	5	2,665	4,026
Arkansas and Louisiana			1,579	2,804	2	842	1,636
Oklahoma			1,342	613		871	1,681
Texas	27	15	1,002	3,572	8	2,151	6,725
West South Central			3,923	6,989	10	3,864	10,042
Colorado			450	997	1	294	1,730
Other States			384	1,171		135	5,012
Mountain			834	2,168	1	429	6,742
Washington			859	473	1	689	3,362
Oregon			664	6,418		195	3,534
California	283	12	2,503	6,725	9	2,978	33,387
Pacific			4,026	13,616	10	3,862	40,283
Other States	565	418					
United States	6,766	1,355	165,185	478,729	113	75,204	229,294

TABLE 9. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during December and comparisons:

Cream: Decreased by 3 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 3 million pounds; average December decrease was 5 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 37 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 45 million pounds; average December decrease was 30 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 25 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 31 million pounds; average December decrease was 19 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Decreased by 220 thousand cases; December 1954 decrease was 132 thousand cases; average December decrease was 107 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Decreased by 26 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 20 million pounds; average December decrease was 23 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 30 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 22 million pounds; average December decrease was 9 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	10,619	5,425	9,307	6,766
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	1,676	652	2,061	1,355
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	8,825	3,135	8,808	7,240
Evap. and Cond, milk (case goods)	do.	46,378	33,609	69,799	36,158
Butter, creamery.	do.	173,056	378,610	202,294	165,185
Cheese:					
American Cheddar.	do.	301,433	518,879	505,435	478,729
Swiss, including block	do.	9,706	9,419	5,769	6,721
All other varieties	do.	19,719	20,552	19,890	20,648
Total cheese.	do.	330,858	548,850	531,094	506,098
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	122	193	333	113
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	56,329	74,928	101,395	75,204
Whites.	do.	14,907	24,752	23,266	16,854
Yolks	do.	14,273	18,159	28,967	23,819
Whole or mixed.	do.	23,620	29,418	43,769	30,430
Unclassified	do.	3,529	2,599	5,393	4,101
Dried eggs (egg solids).	do.	24,197	1,916	4,335	3,714
Total eggs (1).	Case	4,002	2,327	3,392	2,430
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or Fryers.....	Pound	24,730	27,890	20,267	24,926
Roasters.	do.	14,584	10,490	7,898	7,844
Hens (fowls).....	do.	72,071	61,784	58,938	59,507
Turkeys	do.	121,327	120,989	128,974	95,640
Ducks	do.	8,698	9,403	10,469	8,194
Miscellaneous	do.	11,970	12,764	7,206	7,024
Unclassified	do.	28,312	26,543	25,935	26,159
Total poultry	do.	281,692	269,863	259,687	229,294

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

Table 10. -- Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
October 31, 1955

Cooler commodities	Net weight	Freezer commodities	Net weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	226,848	Cream.....	12,937
Pears.....	49,050	Butter, creamery.....	210,034
Other fresh fruits.....	41,840	Eggs.....	114,291
Fresh vegetables.....	45,685	Poultry.....	230,293
Dried & evap. fruits.....	24,611	Fruits.....	354,808
Nuts & nut meats.....	51,386	Juices.....	155,662
Cheese.....	422,986	Vegetables.....	502,510
Other dairy products.....	105,440	Beef.....	86,245
Shell eggs.....	30,645	Veal.....	7,918
Dried eggs.....	4,013	Pork.....	66,582
Beef.....	1,403	Lamb and mutton.....	5,525
Pork.....	980	Edible offal.....	22,879
Sausage.....	407	Sausage.....	2,616
Canned meats.....	11,677	Fish.....	156,739
Lard.....	4,623	Miscellaneous.....	57,367
Fish.....	19,647		
Miscellaneous.....	125,423		
Total.....	1,166,664	Total.....	1,986,406

Table 11. -- End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the
(Government (1))

Commodity	Unit	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955 (2)
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	134,655	343,980	155,599	124,560
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	126,679	356,818	287,239	237,601
Shell eggs.....	Case	32	20	15	13
Frozen eggs.....	lb.	67	76	23	22
Poultry.....	do.	8,984	4,120	3,072	2,886
Pork.....	do.	(3)	12,602	5,558	3,995
Beef.....	do.	(3)	10,973	6,928	7,541

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

TABLE 12. — End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during December and comparisons:

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 27 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 21 million pounds; average December decrease was 23 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 41 million pounds; December 1954 decrease was 40 million pounds; average December decrease was 29 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Increased by 1 million gallons; December 1954 change was a decrease of .1 million gallons; average December decrease was .1 million.

Commodity	December 1950-54 av. 1,000 pounds	December 1954 1,000 pounds	November 1955 1,000 pounds	December 1955 1,000 pounds
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	26,352	31,025	27,765	37,822
Apricots	3,986	2,989	9,434	8,653
Blackberries	11,541	12,917	13,633	11,204
Blueberries	17,561	26,358	23,345	21,994
Cherries	53,619	55,328	70,057	63,961
Grapes	16,462	15,416	12,820	12,255
Peaches	25,607	30,644	38,902	36,748
Plums and prunes	8,903	9,664	10,334	9,248
Raspberries	26,506	34,563	34,763	31,682
Strawberries	105,831	109,823	151,883	136,474
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	10,012	11,694	16,249	14,305
All other fruits	31,087	37,529	34,902	32,327
Total	337,467	377,950	444,087	416,673
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice (1)	104,323	138,579	142,529	157,342
Gallons equivalent (2)	10,538	13,998	14,397	15,893
Other fruit juices and purees .	77,483	109,422	102,864	100,683
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	12,406	13,609	15,942	14,109
Beans, lima	86,163	106,871	107,927	97,340
Beans, snap	59,851	79,507	90,553	80,884
Broccoli	33,120	30,645	30,875	31,411
Brussels sprouts	21,468	30,627	19,890	22,746
Cauliflower	15,243	12,586	14,647	16,982
Corn, sweet	57,148	91,396	75,480	65,951
Peas, green	131,027	122,573	144,440	123,645
Pumpkin and squash	11,241	10,487	16,564	13,539
Spinach	33,688	23,916	33,194	32,199
All other vegetables	101,116	127,104	113,648	122,915
Total	562,471	649,321	663,160	621,721

(1) Orange juice - single strength and concentrated. Includes stocks in packer and public warehouses.

(2) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

TABLE 13. — End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during December and comparisons

Beef: Increased by 48 million pounds; December 1954 increase was 30 million pounds; average December increase was 36 million pounds.

Pork: Increased by 115 million pounds; December 1954 increase was 108 million pounds; average December increase was 136 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 18 million pounds; December 1954 increase was 25 million pounds; average December increase was 21 million pounds.

Commodity	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	201,715	178,269	149,925	197,668
In cure, cured and smoked	11,064	9,579	10,288	11,017
Total	212,779	187,848	160,213	208,685
Pork:				
Frozen	293,469	314,311	183,412	310,625
Dry salt, in cure and cured	37,968	35,905	24,222	27,352
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	131,087	98,429	99,080	83,647
Total	462,524	448,645	306,714	421,624
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	15,506	14,601	13,458	15,394
Frozen lamb and mutton	13,611	9,714	9,884	10,722
Frozen veal	19,135	20,532	16,400	18,800
Canned meats and meat products	37,423	54,001	31,266	36,958
All edible offal	63,119	64,621	62,990	70,119
Total	148,794	163,469	133,998	151,993
Total all meats	824,097	799,962	600,925	782,302
Hides and pelts	68,178	96,780	80,789	78,109

Table 14. -- End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	December 1950-54 av.	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Frozen fish:				
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water).....	5,694	6,237	5,318	6,978
Salt-water:				
Filletts and steaks:				
Blocks and slabs.....	(2)	11,701	16,008	13,113
Cod.....	9,262	9,601	7,665	7,019
Flounder.....	4,801	2,860	6,120	5,678
Haddock.....	10,733	14,963	7,557	6,628
Halibut.....	(2)	(2)	2,463	2,123
Ocean perch.....	16,307	17,692	16,217	16,476
Pollock.....	1,886	797	1,448	1,958
Salmon.....	(2)	(2)	489	481
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly")...	1,732	1,249	1,731	1,887
Other filletts and steaks.....	8,093	6,174	4,064	3,964
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....	(2)	(2)	5,205	6,072
Round, dressed, etc.:				
Halibut.....	15,875	19,786	15,247	13,105
Mackerel (except Spanish).....	1,887	1,593	1,797	1,828
Sablefish.....	2,990	3,449	3,753	3,620
Salmon:				
King or chinook.....	4,246	4,777	3,640	3,220
Silver or coho.....	4,421	4,399	3,379	2,782
Fall or chum.....	1,635	826	615	599
Unclassified.....	1,477	1,707	983	866
Smelt.....	840	676	1,424	919
Swordfish.....	3,007	1,500	1,463	1,491
Tuna.....	1,669	458	4,497	2,803
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	12,107	8,773	14,227	9,888
Other salt-water fish (except bait)...	23,620	22,500	18,849	18,955
Fresh-water:				
Filletts and steaks.....	1,243	2,316	838	1,084
Round, dressed, etc.:				
Chubs.....	979	1,099	1,211	1,253
Trout.....	1,159	1,883	1,311	1,082
Whitefish.....	1,709	1,708	1,508	1,369
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)...	5,257	3,991	4,197	3,741
Frozen shellfish:				
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	710	823	1,663	1,471
Lobster tails (spiny).....	2,682	2,710	3,366	3,628
Oysters.....	405	503	521	531
Scallops.....	2,915	1,357	2,805	2,674
Shrimp, raw and headless.....	25,434	28,286	18,291	17,491
all other.....	(2)	3,898	4,738	5,347
Squid.....	1,247	1,007	1,237	2,129
Other shellfish.....	1,962	3,039	3,108	1,943
Total frozen fish and shellfish...	177,984	194,338	188,953	176,196
Cured fish.....	19,343	12,837	20,234	18,394
Total all fish and shellfish.....	197,327	207,175	209,187	194,590

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) Data not published separately for this period.

TABLE 15. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, December 31, 1955

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples	Pound	1,983	16,478	6,895	1,566	8,497	457	378	194	1,374	37,822
Apricots	do.	148	488	866	311	106	7	205	323	6,199	8,653
Blackberries	do.	35	1,044	1,139	1,425	353	756	228	63	6,161	11,204
Blueberries	do.	3,201	6,032	7,208	3,019	922	139	114	126	1,233	21,994
Cherries	do.	372	31,443	17,103	4,199	2,121	795	747	1,450	5,731	63,961
Grapes	do.	10	6,640	5,108	257	53	21	26	41	99	12,255
Peaches	do.	729	7,838	5,380	2,035	6,174	614	966	300	12,712	36,748
Plums and prunes	do.	109	2,588	3,311	199	67	167	119	49	2,639	9,248
Raspberries	do.	1,236	6,135	4,398	3,028	474	242	187	387	15,595	31,682
Strawberries	do.	6,174	19,217	16,269	11,707	4,399	4,152	3,425	1,278	69,853	136,474
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	21	817	1,086	303	70	14	122	148	11,724	14,305
All other fruits	do.	4,894	6,270	4,845	2,282	1,182	521	842	254	11,237	32,327
Total	do.	18,912	104,990	73,608	30,331	24,418	7,885	7,359	4,613	144,557	416,673
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1)	do.	2,473	12,315	10,895	4,951	93,022	847	2,771	1,954	28,114	157,342
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	3,328	27,213	13,193	6,746	25,462	751	8,058	793	15,139	100,683
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus	do.	628	4,432	1,370	1,105	2,355	324	324	201	3,370	14,109
Beans, lima	do.	989	19,910	8,110	6,826	14,579	3,079	1,276	3,540	39,031	97,340
Beans, snap	do.	1,795	29,685	5,613	2,363	9,671	1,921	993	399	28,444	80,884
Broccoli	do.	858	7,859	2,599	2,257	3,076	904	782	452	12,624	31,411
Brussels sprouts	do.	347	3,966	1,540	2,137	953	790	429	326	12,258	22,746
Cauliflower	do.	448	4,390	1,225	1,155	1,958	365	364	255	6,822	16,982
Corn, sweet	do.	1,265	14,606	6,626	15,565	3,362	1,067	1,322	875	21,263	65,951
Peas, green	do.	6,296	27,509	9,719	14,594	5,630	1,663	1,623	3,596	53,015	123,645
Pumpkin and squash	C.	775	4,046	1,062	1,157	645	199	180	147	5,328	13,539
Spinach	do.	748	12,129	2,133	1,478	3,178	563	1,164	290	10,516	32,199
All other vegetables	do.	2,619	23,269	15,613	13,060	18,804	10,515	4,418	3,194	31,423	122,915
Total	do.	16,768	151,801	55,610	61,697	64,211	21,390	12,875	13,275	224,094	621,721
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes	do.	-	378	3,433	1,872	28	24	-	-	96,973	102,708
Other fresh fruits	do.	29	1,519	854	336	2,409	83	209	6	4,054	9,499
Dried and evaporated fruits	do.	764	20,526	4,012	1,004	940	560	667	16	4,459	32,948
Onions	do.	-	26,114	17,433	29	56	-	129	-	12,782	56,543
Celery	do.	-	400	103	20	5	4	-	-	1	533
Other fresh vegetables	do.	231	11,645	7,563	3,250	1,721	203	1,391	1,307	7,455	34,766
Peanut meats	do.	1,163	1,032	5,752	292	33,238	2,977	16,292	-	377	61,123
Other nut meats	do.	740	3,381	2,824	911	402	336	2,091	43	9,148	19,876
Peanuts, in shell	do.	37	149	2,333	85	19	8	46	2	18	2,697
Other nuts, in shell	do.	138	1,191	3,286	5,529	8,957	780	30,912	28	17,101	67,922
Fresh apples	Bushel	2,450	6,870	1,942	330	1,737	101	185	132	13,812	27,559
Fresh pears	do.	-	17	24	3	2	-	4	1	1,747	1,798

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(1) Concentrated and single strength.

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TABLE 15. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, December 31, 1955 -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic) . . .	Pound	631	4,535	760	65	98	204	118	39	316	6,766
Cream, plastic	do.	300	502	-	367	74	-	15	85	12	1,355
Butter, creamery	do.	2,450	33,383	77,231	33,710	6,713	2,915	3,923	834	4,026	165,185
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,670	100,791	209,021	87,121	27,848	29,505	6,989	2,168	13,616	478,729
Cheese, Swiss including block	do.	-	526	4,427	1,125	5	4	30	505	99	6,721
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	639	6,985	9,086	1,490	690	331	184	681	562	20,648
Eggs, shell	Case	3	15	62	3	4	5	10	1	10	113
Eggs, frozen	Pound	1,746	13,890	18,540	27,001	3,207	2,665	3,864	429	3,862	75,204
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	32	258	425	2,803	100	-	10	3	83	3,714
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers } or											
Fryers	do.	851	4,218	3,657	3,432	6,549	601	1,801	352	3,465	24,926
Roasters	do.	1,367	3,829	883	1,009	224	2	80	14	436	7,844
Fowls (hens)	do.	2,170	16,447	9,543	21,332	1,383	251	1,198	135	7,048	59,507
Turkeys	do.	3,706	15,741	14,586	17,293	7,356	1,393	5,812	5,075	24,678	95,640
Ducks	do.	415	4,013	1,791	449	535	148	131	71	641	8,194
Miscellaneous	do.	530	1,498	2,149	1,665	145	101	184	59	693	7,024
Unclassified	do.	121	2,287	9,840	2,018	5,169	1,530	836	1,036	3,322	26,159
Total	do.	9,160	48,033	42,449	47,198	21,361	4,026	10,042	6,742	40,283	229,294
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	13,903	23,868	56,791	41,394	7,174	5,762	16,909	4,127	27,800	197,668
Veal, frozen	do.	1,169	3,318	5,566	3,704	936	493	2,416	175	1,023	18,800
Pork, frozen	do.	7,098	24,018	106,646	121,043	11,700	7,332	13,867	3,232	15,689	310,625
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	541	2,620	2,473	1,558	160	49	1,707	573	1,041	10,722
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked . .	do.	98	3,276	3,367	2,925	521	12	422	18	378	11,017
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured . . .	do.	200	620	7,508	14,244	2,290	351	995	699	445	27,352
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	736	8,222	15,171	43,020	4,860	1,324	3,699	1,519	5,096	83,647
All edible offal	do.	932	7,080	22,042	28,725	2,547	2,496	1,945	1,660	2,692	70,119
Sausage room products	do.	159	2,481	4,110	5,285	1,173	281	392	177	1,336	15,394
Canned meats and meat products . .	do.	1,455	8,778	9,990	13,089	689	162	553	199	2,043	36,958
Total	do.	26,291	84,221	233,664	274,987	32,050	18,262	42,905	12,379	57,543	782,302
Hides and pelts	do.	10,561	1,223	27,053	31,154	2,106	348	2,632	1,666	1,366	78,109
Fish, frozen	do.	53,396	32,655	24,734	8,372	8,219	9,798	2,450	956	(1)35,616	176,196

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

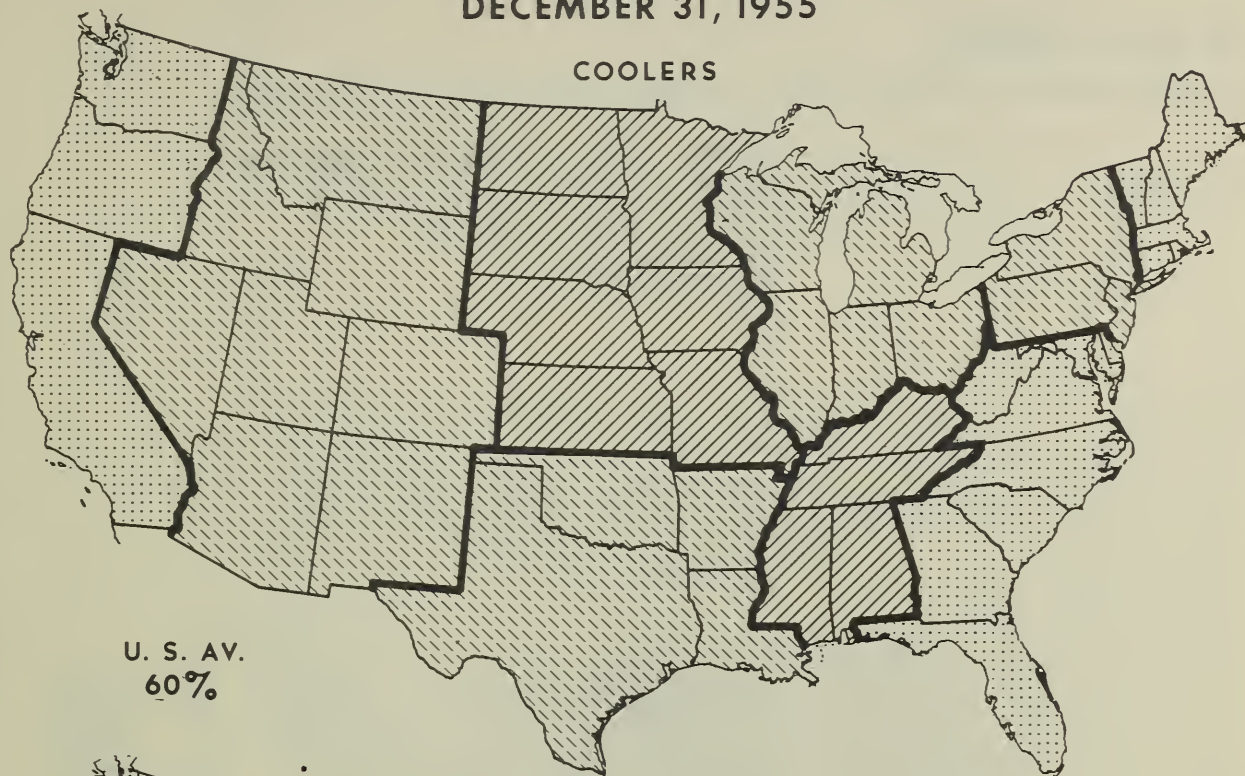
PUBLIC GENERAL COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

DECEMBER 31, 1955

COOLERS



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60%

FREEZERS



U. S. AV.
72%

% OCCUPANCY

Under 55 55 - 64 65 - 74 75 - 84 85 & over

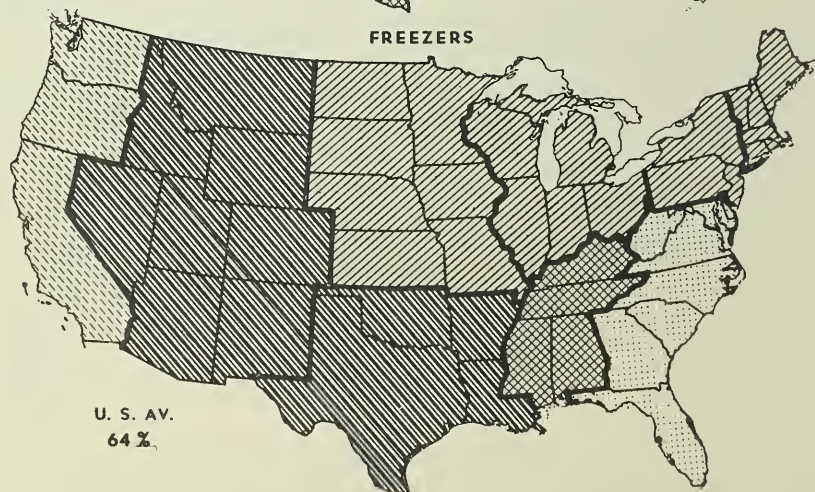
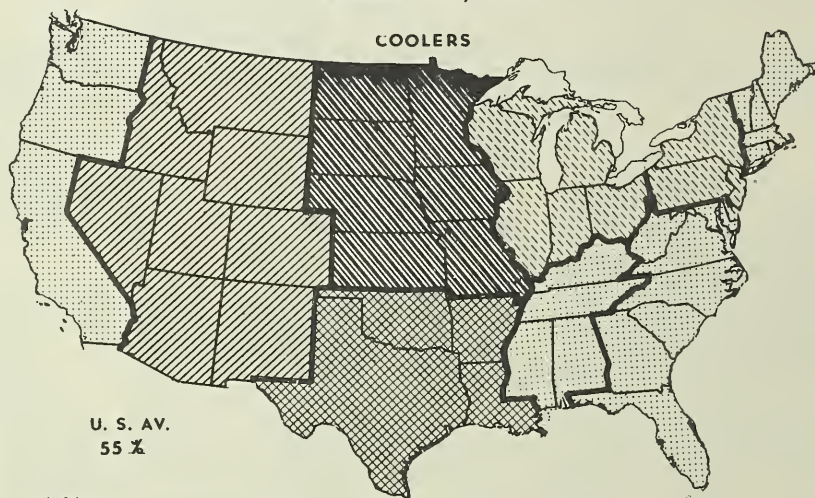
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% OCCUPANCY
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